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Inbound Kennedy lane changes at Jane Byrne

Lanes split after Washington Boulevard, exits remain the same

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that as part of the ongoing Jane Byrne Interchange reconstruction, a stage change on the inbound Kennedy Expressway (Interstate 90/94) will begin, weather permitting, Sunday, Nov. 7.

To facilitate the stage change, starting at 10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, lane closures are scheduled to take place on the inbound Kennedy between Chicago Avenue and Harrison Street, with occasional full stops for no longer than 15 minutes at a time beginning at 1 a.m. All lanes fully reopen by 10 a.m. Sunday, when the new traffic pattern will be in place.

In the new configuration, there will continue to be five inbound lanes and exits remain the same. The right lane stays as an exit lane to Monroe Street. The exit to Ida B. Wells Drive/outbound Eisenhower Expressway (Interstate 290) and Taylor Street remains the same. The three inbound through **lanes will split after Washington Boulevard**. The left two inbound lanes will continue in their current configuration, while **the third inbound lane will shift slightly to the right onto new pavement and will merge back into traffic just before Harrison Street**.

The new configuration will allow center lanes to be built between Washington Boulevard and Polk Street as part of construction on the mainline lanes of the Kennedy and Dan Ryan expressways and will remain in place through early December.

Motorists should expect significant delays and allow extra time for trips through this area. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to flaggers and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits and be on the alert for workers and equipment.

The overall reconstruction project at the Jane Byrne Interchange will improve safety and traffic flow for the more than 400,000 motorists who use it each day, while also enhancing mobility for bicyclists, pedestrians and transit users in the surrounding neighborhoods.

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For more information, visit www.janebyrneinterchange.org. The mobile-friendly website features a detailed project timeline with an interactive map, photo galleries, a live camera feed of the work zone, and the ability to submit questions and comments to the project team via a "Contact Us" link.

The improved Jane Byrne Interchange will be substantially completed by late 2022.

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